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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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CCC ANNOUNCES SALES LIST FOR MAY

CCC commodities available for domestic and export sale in May are: Nonfat dry milk solids, butter, cheddar cheese, raw linseed oil, crude and refined cottonseed oil, cottonseed meal, olive oil, honey, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, blue lupine meal, flaxseed, wheat, oats, barley, corn, wool, and these seeds: blue lupine, common and Willamette vetch, red clover, Ladino clover, crimson clover, biennial and Hubam sweet clover, smooth brome grass, mountain brome grass, hairy vetch, birdsfoot trefoil, rough pea, ryegrass, and Primar Slender Wheat-grass. Wool, honey, ryegrass seed, and blue lupine meal are additions to the list.

COTTON - A 1952 cotton crop of 15,136,000 bales of 500 lbs. gross weight is indicated by ginnings, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the BAE. This is only 8,000 bales less than 1951 production but 3,361,000 above the 10-year average. Based on the season average price to May 1, the value of the 1952 crop totaled 2,617 million dollars, compared with the record high value of 2,868 million dollars for the 1951 crop. In ginning the 1952 crop, an estimated total of 6,176,000 tons of cottonseed was separated from the lint. This compares with 6,286,000 tons in 1951 and the 10-year average of 4,781,000 tons. The 1952 season average price received by farmers is indicated at \$69.60 per ton. This compares with the 1951 average price of \$69.30 per ton.

Through May 1, 1953, CCC received 941,200 notes covering 2,280,676 bales of 1952-crop cotton.

DAIRY PRODUCTS - Dairy markets were basically weak during April. Price declines reflected lowered CCC paying prices for butter, cheese and nonfat dry milk effective April 1. Increased offerings exceeded moderate trade needs and sales to the Government of the above named products were heavy. Production was considerably above last year and average. Storage reserves of butter and cheese were at record highs.

USDA is offering 100 million lbs. of nonfat dry milk solids for donation to school lunch programs, welfare groups, other eligible recipients in the U. S. and its territories, and to private welfare organizations assisting needy persons outside the U. S. and its territories. The milk was acquired by the CCC under its price support programs. The commodity is packed in wooden export barrels and fiber drums containing approximately 175 to 225 pounds each. Under this program, consignees are required to pay transportation from point of storage.

Up to 10 million lbs. of nonfat dry milk solids, either roller or spray process, purchased under the current dairy price support program will be bought packed in multiwall paper bags. Prices for this pack will be 15.30¢ per lb. for spray process and 13.30¢ per lb. for roller process. The purchase price for the product packed in fiber drums, is 16¢ for spray process and 14¢ per lb. for roller process.

During week ending May 8, CCC purchased 6,715,990 lbs. Grade A butter and 2,078,290 lbs. Grade B, under 1953-54 dairy support program. Cumulative purchases to May 8 are 29,243,055.75 lbs. Grade A and 5,921,821.50 lbs. Grade B.

Butter received in N. Y. C. market week ending May 9, 1953, amounted to 3,420,928 lbs., an increase over last week of 3,712 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 377,994 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A. M. May 11, 1953, amounted to 7,361,621 lbs. an increase over last week of 338,991 lbs. and an increase over last year of 5,900,488 lbs.

FATS AND OILS - Preliminary report, prepared by PMA, shows that soybeans processed during the 1951-52 season amounted to 7.3 million tons. During the season, 5.4 million tons of cottonseed were processed. During the season, 831 thousand tons of flaxseed were processed. Oil yields from the solvent extraction or prepress solvent extraction methods were considerably higher than those obtained from other methods.

USDA offers through CCC Dallas office flaxseed acquired in Texas under the 1953-crop flaxseed price support program. This is flaxseed acquired through direct purchase by CCC in designated Texas cos. The flaxseed is being offered for sale for crushing domestically, or for export as flaxseed. The CCC expects to have for sale up to 1,250,000 bus. which may be acquired under the purchase program which expires July 31. To date, the CCC has acquired about 35,000 bus.

FISH - Receipts of fish in the N. Y. markets for week ending May 8, 1953, reported by Fish & Wildlife Service of Department of Interior amounted to 2,679,244 lbs. This compares with 3,360,399 lbs. for the same period last year. This week's receipts were made up largely of scup, whiting, flounder, cod, gray sole and shad. Frozen holdings, including salt and fresh water species and shell fish in cold storage houses in N. Y. Metro. district as of May 7, 1953, amounted to 22,646,855 lbs. This compares with 18,198,475 lbs. on the same day last year.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES - USDA is considering revision of grade standards for canned fruit cocktail. The revisions would include many changes from the grade standards which have been in effect since 1941. Those interested in quality standards for this product are invited to submit their views on the proposed revision during the next 30 days to Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, Washington 25, D. C.

USDA has proposed grade standards for chili sauce. These standards, if made effective, would be the first issued for this product. The proposed grades, "U. S. Grade A" or "U. S. Fancy," "U. S. Grade C" or "U. S. Standard," and "Substandard" would be based on the evaluation of the factors of color, consistency, character, absence of defects, and flavor.

Declarations for week ending May 2 under citrus fruit payment program indicate exports as follows: 137,020 boxes fresh oranges; 9,502 boxes fresh grapefruit; single-strength juice (24/2's) - 21,969 cases orange, 9,506 cases grapefruit, 2,775 cases blended; 1,500 gals. conc. orange juice; and 204 gal. conc. grapefruit juice; 107 cases grapefruit sections.

GRAIN PRODUCTS - U. S. exports of grains and grain products increased substantially in March over earlier months, with exports of wheat and wheat products the largest since May 1952. Estimates showed March exports of wheat and wheat products at 37,000,000 bus. the largest since May 1952 when the total was 41,029,000 bus. Exports of other grains and their products were estimated at 16,686,000 bus. - the largest since Jan. 1953 when the total was 17,798,000 bus. For the nine mos. July 1952 through March 1953 the total for wheat and wheat products was 264,621,000 bus., compared with 362,079,000 bus. in the like period a year earlier. Exports of other grains and their products for the nine months were estimated at 138,941,000 bus., compared with 142,943,000 bus. during the like period a year earlier.

USDA reported today that during the period April 29 - May 5 inclusive, the CCC confirmed sales of 1,880,000 bus. of wheat (including wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent) under the International Wheat Agreement against the 1952-53 year quotas. The sales included 179,281 hundredweight of flour (415,000 bus. in wheat equivalent) and 1,465,000 bus. of wheat. Cumulative sales by the United States since the opening of the quotas for the 1952-53 year total 220,302,000 bus. The principal importing countries involved in this week's sales were Germany, Venezuela, and Cuba. On May 6 the Department announced that the 1952-53 quotas for the United Kingdom territories of Barbados and St. Lucia had been filled. Exporters reporting Belgian Congo sales under the IWA are informed by the Department that henceforth there should be included in the Notices of Sale the Authorization number held by the buyer. It is understood that these authorizations are numbered 1 through 90 inclusive.

Rice markets continued firm during the week ended May 4. No sales of rough rice were reported in the southern rice belt and only a few scattered lots of rice left after seeding were marketed in Calif. Moderate to heavy rains delayed planting over most of the southern belt and in Calif. The Army continued to purchase both Calif. and southern undermilled rice. Trading in the southern milled rice market was inactive with offerings limited and the domestic demand largely for replacement. Trading in Calif. was limited mostly to Army purchases.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS - USDA announced purchase of 193,000 lbs. of beef under the Mutual Security Agency export program for Greece and the Section 32 beef buying program. This week's purchase of 105,000 lbs. of frozen boneless beef brings the total bought with Section 32 funds for free distribution to the school lunch program and other eligible outlets to 903,000 lbs. The average cost of these purchases per lb. was 39.92¢ f.o.b. plants. The 88,000 lbs. of frozen carcass beef purchased this week brings the total bought for export to Greece to 2,458,000 lbs. at an average cost of 28.19¢ per lb. f.o.b. plants. These purchases were made under a MSA requisition.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended May 9 was estimated at 337 million pounds according to the USDA. This was an increase of 1% compared with the 334 million pounds the previous week and was 15% above the 294 million pounds the corresponding week a year ago.

Meat receipts in Metro. area including Jersey City, Hoboken and Newark for week ending May 9, 1953, totaled 36,372,840 lbs. classified as follows: Beef 22,361,020 lbs., Veal 2,809,930 lbs., Lamb and Mutton 3,926,704 lbs., and Pork 7,275,186 lbs. Increases over last week were Beef 1,394,801 lbs., Veal 189,645 lbs., Lamb and Mutton 60,144 lbs., and Pork 477,660 lbs. Total receipts increased over last week by 2,122,250 lbs. and compared with last year reflected an increase of 6,013,484 lbs.

POULTRY AND EGGS - Shell eggs received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 9, 1953, amounted to 97,159 cases, a decrease from last week of 18,072 cases and a decrease from last year of 34,313 cases. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 11, 1953, amounted to 120,330 cases, an increase over last week of 24,171 cases and a decrease from last year of 158,249 cases.

Frozen eggs received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 9, 1953, amounted to 563,950 lbs., an increase over last week of 160,334 lbs. and an increase over last year of 269,330 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 11, 1953, amounted to 6,685,160 lbs., an increase over last week of 934,522 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 5,210,722 lbs.

Dressed poultry received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 9, 1953, amounted to 6,094,094 lbs., a decrease from last week of 949,110 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 1,650,456 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 11, 1953, amounted to 15,071,707 lbs., a decrease from last week of 465,720 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 4,978,745 lbs.

Live poultry received at the L. I. Terminal Market for week ending May 8, 1953, amounted to 1,682,240 lbs., a decrease from last week of 63,106 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 361,319 lbs.

SUGAR - USDA announced today the purchase of approximately 13,000 short tons of refined sugar made from over-quota Puerto Rican raw sugar, for export to Greece under a Mutual Security Administration program. Offers were requested on 80,000 tons and offers were received on 70,000 tons.

Primary Sugar Distribution for Week Ended May 2, 1953 - Distribution of sugar (short tons, raw value) for consumption in the continental U. S. in that week was: Refiners, 110,642; beet processors, 41,956; importers, 13,762; and mainland cane mills, 600.



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PRESIDENT OF C.C.C. GUEST OF MARKETMEN'S ASSOC. OF THE PORT OF N.Y.

Mr. John H. Davis, President of the Commodity Credit Corp. will be the guest speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the Marketmen's Association of the Port of N. Y. to be held on Monday, May 25 at the Hotel Statler. Mr. Davis will discuss the Agriculture Program as a personal representative of the Secy. of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra T. Benson. Leaders in the food industry in the Metropolitan Area are invited to this luncheon. It will present an opportunity to hear discussion of matters of importance to processors and distributors. For reservations call Joe Robinson or John Burns at Chelsea 3-3500.

SECRETARY BENSON CONGRATULATES FOOD INDUSTRY ON EFFORTS TO PUSH SALES OF BEEF

Livestock producers, their assns., and all segments of the food merchandising industry were commended today by Secretary Benson for their vigorous cooperation with the USDA in efforts to increase sales of beef. Secretary Benson said, "The greatly increased sales have contributed toward stabilization of beef prices. I believe this clearly demonstrates that producers and the food industry can go a long way in solving their own problems, thus limiting the need for Government action." The Secretary said that increasing emphasis would be placed on this type of industry-Government cooperation to help solve marketing problems.

DAIRY PRODUCTS - USDA bought 25,000 cases of evaporated milk for export to Greece. The purchase was at \$4.97 per case f.o.b. plant at Orland, Calif. The purchase was under an announcement of April 22 for the purchase of approximately 125,000 cases of export packed evaporated milk.

Recommending a return as soon as possible to the principle of flexible price support provisions as contained in the Agricultural Act of 1949, a special dairy producer-industry task group, meeting in Washington last week, submitted to Secretary Benson a broad plan for attacking current dairy problems including strong representations to the dairy industry to support June Dairy Month with expanded sales and promotion programs. The 20-man group advised the Secretary that a return to flexible price supports for all agricultural commodities at the end of the current marketing year is highly desirable. They requested that the Secretary consult with other advisory committees, especially those on the basic commodities, to obtain their support for flexible price supports.

Butter received in N. Y. C. market week ending May 16, 1953, amounted to 3,217,637 lbs., which was a decrease from last week of 203,291 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 905,463 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 18, 1953, amounted to 8,168,439 lbs. an increase over last week of 806,818 lbs. and an increase over last year of 6,007,536 lbs.

Dr. C. J. Blanford, Market Administrator of the New York metropolitan milk marketing area, announced on May 13, a uniform price of \$3.77 per hundred-weight (46.5 quarts) for milk delivered in April to 412 plants in the New York milkshed. The uniform price in March was \$4.02 per hundredweight and in April, 1952, was \$4.23. Dr. Blanford reported that total milk production for the month was 730,789,542 pounds, an increase of almost ten percent over April, 1952. It was a record for the month.

During week ending May 15, CCC purchased 7,532,422.75 lbs. Grade A butter and 2,332,849.75 lbs. Grade B, under 1953-54 dairy support program. Cumulative purchases to May 15 are 36,775,478.50 lbs. Grade A and 8,254,671.25 lbs. Grade B.

FISH - Receipts of fish in the N. Y. markets for week ending May 15, 1953, reported by Fish & Wildlife Service of Department of Interior amounted to 3,950,784 lbs. This compares with 3,500,410 lbs. for the same period last year. This week's receipts were made up largely of scup, whiting, flounder, cod, and seabass. Frozen holdings, including salt and fresh water species and shell fish in cold storage houses in N. Y. Metro. district as of May 15, 1953, amounted to 21,590,554 lbs. This compares with 18,600,352 lbs. on the same day last year.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES - As of May 1, the indicated spring production of commercial vegetables for fresh market was 10% greater than in 1952 and 10% above the 1949-51 average. This estimate is based on reports covering all spring vegetable crops. Larger spring crops of onions, cabbage, tomatoes, watermelons and asparagus are largely responsible for the greater production this season. Production of spring crops of lima beans, snap beans, cauliflower, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant is moderately below the 1952 level and spring crops of carrots, green peas and shallots are substantially lighter than a year ago.

GRAIN PRODUCTS - During the period May 6 to May 12, the CCC confirmed sales of 1,456,000 bus. of wheat under the IWA against the 1952-53 year quotas. The sales included 131,330 cwt. of flour and 1,152,000 bus. of wheat. Sales since June 25, 1952, total 221,758,000 bus. Principal importing countries involved in this week's sales were India, Austria, and Cuba.

The USDA reported that during the period May 6 - 12, inclusive, the Commodity Credit Corporation confirmed sales of 1,456,000 bushels of wheat (including wheat and wheat flour in terms of wheat equivalent) under the International Wheat Agreement against the 1952-53 year quotas. The sales included 131,330 cwt. of flour (304,000 bushels in wheat equivalent) and 1,152,000 bushels of wheat. Cumulative sales by the United States since the opening of the quotas for the 1952-53 year on June 25, 1952, total 221,758,000 bushels. The principal importing countries involved in this week's sales were India, Austria, and Cuba.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS - Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended May 16 was estimated at 326 mil. lbs. according to the USDA. This was a decrease of 3% compared with the 337 mil. lbs. the previous week but was 15% above the 283 mil. lbs. the corresponding week a year ago.

Meat receipts in Metro. area including Jersey City, Hoboken and Newark for week ending May 16, 1953, totaled 34,577,564 lbs. classified as follows: Beef 21,016,348 lbs., Veal 2,729,690 lbs., Lamb and Mutton 4,293,544 lbs., and Pork 6,537,982 lbs. Lamb and Sheep receipts increased 366,844 lbs., Hog receipts showed a decrease of 737,204 lbs., Beef a decrease of 1,344,672 lbs., and Veal a decrease of 80,240 lbs. Total receipts were 1,795,276 lbs. less than the previous week but showed an increase of 4,348,129 lbs. over the corresponding week last year.

POULTRY AND EGGS - Shell eggs received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 16, 1953, amounted to 103,441 cases, an increase over last week of 6,282 cases but a decrease from last year of 22,299 cases. Cold Storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 18, 1953, amounted to 150,535 cases, an increase over last week of 30,205 cases and a decrease from last year of 162,920 cases.

Frozen eggs received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 16, 1953, amounted to 886,770 lbs., an increase over last week of 322,820 lbs. and an increase over last year of 608,998 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 18, 1953, amounted to 7,980,991 lbs., an increase over last week of 1,295,831 lbs. but a decrease from corresponding day last year of 4,147,926 lbs.

Dressed poultry received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 16, 1953, amounted to 6,032,401 lbs., which was a decrease from last week of 61,693 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 2,562,625 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 18, 1953, amounted to 15,007,510 lbs., which was a decrease from last week of 64,197 lbs. and a decrease from corresponding day last year of 5,786,857 lbs.

Live poultry received at the L. I. Terminal Market for week ending May 15, 1953, amounted to 1,722,193 lbs., which was an increase over last week of 39,953 lbs. but a decrease from last year of 323,893 lbs.

Turkey poult production for the 1953 season to May 1 was 19% below last season on basis of the special May 1 turkey hatchery survey in 14 important States. Hatcheries reported they had produced 16% less heavy breed and 28% less light breed poults to May 1 than in the corresponding period last year. Eggs in incubators on May 1 were 11% less than on May 1 last year. The number of eggs set for heavy breed poults was 11% less than a year earlier, and eggs set for light breeds, 13% less. Reports indicate turkey production is being curtailed more drastically than turkey growers indicated in January.

Chicks produced by commercial hatcheries during April totaled 301,870,000 -- 4% more than in April last year and 1% above the 1947-51 average. There was a good demand for chicks for both flock replacement and broiler production. About 9% more chicks were placed in the 11 principal broiler areas during April than in the same month last year. Chicks produced for farm flock re-

placement is about 2% more than in April last year. Chicks produced during the first 4 mos. of this year totaled 891,044,000 compared with 894,623,000 during the same mos. last year. Demand for chicks for flock replacement and broilers continues good and a larger hatch during May than a year ago is in prospect. The number of eggs in incubators on May 1 was 10% larger than on May 1 last year.

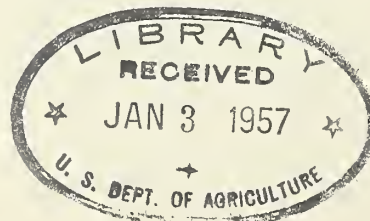
WOOL - Chas. F. Kiefer, Acting Director of Boston PMA Commodity Office, announced May 19, that app. 97,500,000 lbs. of shorn and pulled wool have been acquired by C.C.C. under the 1952 price support program.

COLD STORAGE REPORT - According to warehouse reports April 30, holdings of apples still in storage totaled a little more than 3 million bus. Frozen fruit stocks were at a near post-war low for April 30 with 153 million lbs. reported in storage. Seasonal reductions in frozen vegetable items were almost 60% greater than average but holdings of 382 million lbs. were still above average for this time of year. Creamery butter holdings increased to 153 million lbs. while American cheese stocks rose to 233 million lbs. Case eggs in storage--827,000--were at an all-time low for April while holdings of poultry at 140 million lbs. were the second lowest on record since 1945. Holdings of beef were more than 60% above average but stocks of pork were 15% below the April 30 average.

SUGAR - Distribution of sugar (short tons, raw value) in the continental United States during the week ending May 9 was: Refiners, 97,698; beet processors, 52,766; importers, 16,850; and mainland cane mills, 600.

ADDITIONAL LIVESTOCK AND MEATS - Early lambs were generally in good condition on May 1, but their development is not uniformly favorable. In Calif. the early lamb crop developed reasonably well, with the feed supply below average. The Texas lamb crop is above earlier expectations, although feed supplies are still short in Western sections. Lambs in the Pacific Northwest are in generally good condition, but development has been slow due to delayed growth of pastures. In the Southeastern States the condition of early lambs is good.

CITRUS FRUIT EXPORT PROGRAM - Declarations for the week ending May 9 under citrus fruit payment program indicate exports as follows: 162,197 boxes fresh oranges; 10,533 boxes fresh grapefruit; single-strength juice (24/2's) - 23,188 cases orange, 12,261 cases grapefruit, 7,025 cases blended, and 200 cases of grapefruit sections.



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JUNE PLENTIFUL FOODS LIST

The following foods appear on the Northeast area Plentiful Foods List for the month of June: Milk and Dairy Products, Potatoes, Asparagus, Cabbage, Carrots, Lettuce, Onions, Spinach, Other Local Produce, Beef, Fresh Fish, Frozen Fillets (Haddock & Cod), Peanuts, Peanut Butter, Edible Fats and Oils, and Raisins. This PF program is a cooperative effort of all segments of the food trade and the USDA to encourage maximum movement and use of the nation's food abundance through regular channels of trade.

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH!

The industry is sponsoring a special nationwide program with which the USDA is cooperating to stimulate sales and consumption of milk and all types of dairy products during the month. Dairy production will reach its seasonal peak during June.

THE DEMAND AND PRICE SITUATION

Although domestic demand for food and other farm products continues high, seasonal movements and heavy marketings brought a further decline in the average of prices received by farmers during the month ending April 15. Most of the decline was due to lower prices for potatoes, truck crops, and milk. In mid-April prices of farm products averaged 11% below a year earlier. Prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest, taxes and wages, off slightly from mid-March were only $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ below April 1952.

DAIRY PRODUCTS - USDA announced conclusion of current purchases of evaporated milk for export to Greece under a Mutual Security Administration requisition with a purchase of 100,000 cases at a price of \$4.68 per case f.o.b. plant at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Ice cream production in the United States, estimated at 47,940,000 gallons for April, was 2% smaller than the April output last year but was 2% larger than the 5-year average for the month, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

During week ending May 22, CCC purchased 7,119,020.50 lbs. Grade A butter and 2,625,802.75 lbs. Grade B, under 1953-54 dairy support program. Cumulative purchases through May 22 are 43,894,499 lbs. Grade A and 10,880,474 lbs. Grade B.

Veracruz. Commission veterinarians inspected the area immediately surrounding the outbreak and have found no further evidence of the disease. This area will be inspected daily for about a month, while further outlying areas will be inspected at less frequent intervals. All of the infected animals have been confined to a relatively small area, about one by two miles in extent.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended May 23 was estimated at 315 million pounds according to the USDA. This was a decrease of 3% compared with the 326 million pounds the previous week but was 12% above the 281 million pounds the corresponding week a year ago.

Meat receipts in Metro. area including Jersey City, Hoboken and Newark for week ending May 23, 1953, totaled 31,070,212 lbs. classified as follows: Beef 18,766,386 lbs., Veal 2,449,789 lbs., Lamb and Mutton 3,790,831 lbs. and Pork 6,063,206 lbs. Decreases from last week were Beef 2,249,962 lbs., Veal 279,901 lbs., Lamb and Mutton 502,713 lbs. and Pork 474,776 lbs. Total receipts decreased from last week by 3,507,352 lbs. and compared with last year reflected an increase of 1,012,675 lbs.

POULTRY AND EGGS - Secretary Benson selected as a permanent Turkey Advisory Committee the 22 industry representatives who were called to Washington March 5 and 6 to advise Dept. officials concerning industry problems then current and in prospect. The committee will continue to serve as industry problems arise in the future.

Shell eggs received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 23, 1953, amounted to 104,525 cases, an increase over last week of 1,084 cases and a decrease from last year of 16,046 cases. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 25, 1953, amounted to 174,108 cases, an increase over last week of 23,573 cases and a decrease from last year of 163,491 cases.

Frozen eggs received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 23, 1953, amounted to 351,000 lbs., a decrease from last week of 535,770 lbs. and an increase over last year of 108,550 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 25, 1953, amounted to 8,728,858 lbs., an increase over last week of 747,867 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 3,619,353 lbs.

Dressed poultry received in N. Y. C. markets week ending May 23, 1953, amounted to 5,894,872 lbs., a decrease from last week of 137,529 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 2,232,688 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 25, 1953, amounted to 14,094,375 lbs., a decrease from last week of 913,135 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 7,187,860 lbs.

Live poultry received at the L. I. Terminal Market for week ending May 23, 1953, amounted to 1,441,002 lbs., a decrease from last week of 281,191 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 513,973 lbs.

COTTON - Details of the loan program for 1953-crop upland and extra long staple (American-Egyptian, Sealand, and Sea Island) cotton were announced today by the USDA. The Dept. stated that the CCC will make price support loans available to eligible producers in the early harvesting areas on 1953-crop upland cotton prior to Aug. 1, 1953, at 30.80¢ per lb., basis Middling 7/8-inch cotton at average location. Premiums and discounts for eligible qualities of 1953 upland cotton, and the minimum loan rates for American-Egyptian, Sea Island, and Sealand cotton also were announced today.

Butter received in N. Y. C. market week ending May 23, 1953, amounted to 3,879,328 lbs., an increase over last week of 661,691 lbs. and a decrease from last year of 257,491 lbs. Cold storage holdings in N. Y. C. warehouses A.M. May 25, 1953, amounted to 9,376,871 lbs. an increase over last week of 1,208,432 lbs. and an increase over last year of 6,751,118 lbs.

FATS AND OILS - The USDA on May 19 extended for one month, through May 1953, the time in which loans and purchase agreements will be available to producers in connection with 1952-crop olive oil. The time has been extended because the crushing of the 1952-crop olives has taken longer than had been expected. The support program was announced by the Department last September as a continuation of the program in effect in 1951, to aid domestic olive growers in handling their crop in the face of abnormally low prices, and to give them an opportunity to work out ways of meeting their own marketing problems in the future. The support price is \$2.50 per gallon for producers' 1952-crop olive oil which meets the eligibility requirements established by the CCC.

FISH - Receipts of fish in the N. Y. markets for week ending May 22, 1953, reported by Fish & Wildlife Service of Department of Interior amounted to 2,949,129 lbs. This compares with 3,329,662 lbs. for the same period last year. This week's receipts were made up largely of scup, flounder, gray sole, cod, whiting and sea bass. Frozen holdings, including salt and fresh water species and shell fish in cold storage houses in N. Y. Metro. district as of May 21, 1953, amounted to 21,404,039 lbs. This compares with 19,425,180 lbs. on the same day last year. Corrections: Receipts of fish for the week ending May 15, 1953, amounted to 2,635,121 lbs. instead of the 3,950,784 lbs. which appeared in last week's Newsletter.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES - Declarations for week ending May 16 under citrus fruit payment program indicate exports as follows: 105,748 boxes fresh oranges; 700 boxes fresh grapefruit; single-strength juice (24/2's) - 9,705 cases orange, 5,962 cases grapefruit and 4,078 cases blended.

GRAIN PRODUCTS - During the period May 12 to May 19, CCC confirmed sales of 3,118,000 bus. of wheat under the IWA against the 1952-53 year quotas. The sales included 169,345 cwt. of flour and 2,726,000 bus. wheat. Cumulative sales by the U. S. since the opening of the quotas for the 1952-53 year on June 25, 1952, total 224,876,000 bus. The principal importing countries involved in this week's sales were Italy, Cuba, India and Germany.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS - USDA announced the purchase of 221,000 lbs. of beef under the Mutual Security Agency export program for Greece and the Section 32 beef buying program. Purchases under both programs now total 3,892,000 lbs. This week's purchase of 150,000 lbs. of frozen carcass beef for export to Greece brings the total to 2,876,000 lbs. The average cost of this week's purchases was 25.47 cents f.o.b. plants. The 71,000 lbs. of frozen boneless beef purchased this week with Section 32 funds for free distribution to the school lunch program and other eligible outlets brings the total under this program to 1,016,000 lbs. The average cost of this week's Section 32 purchase was 39.959¢ per lb.

The Mexico-United States Commission for the Prevention of Foot-and Mouth Disease reported to Secretary Benson today that there has been no further extension of the outbreak discovered Saturday near the town of Gutierrez Zamora,

